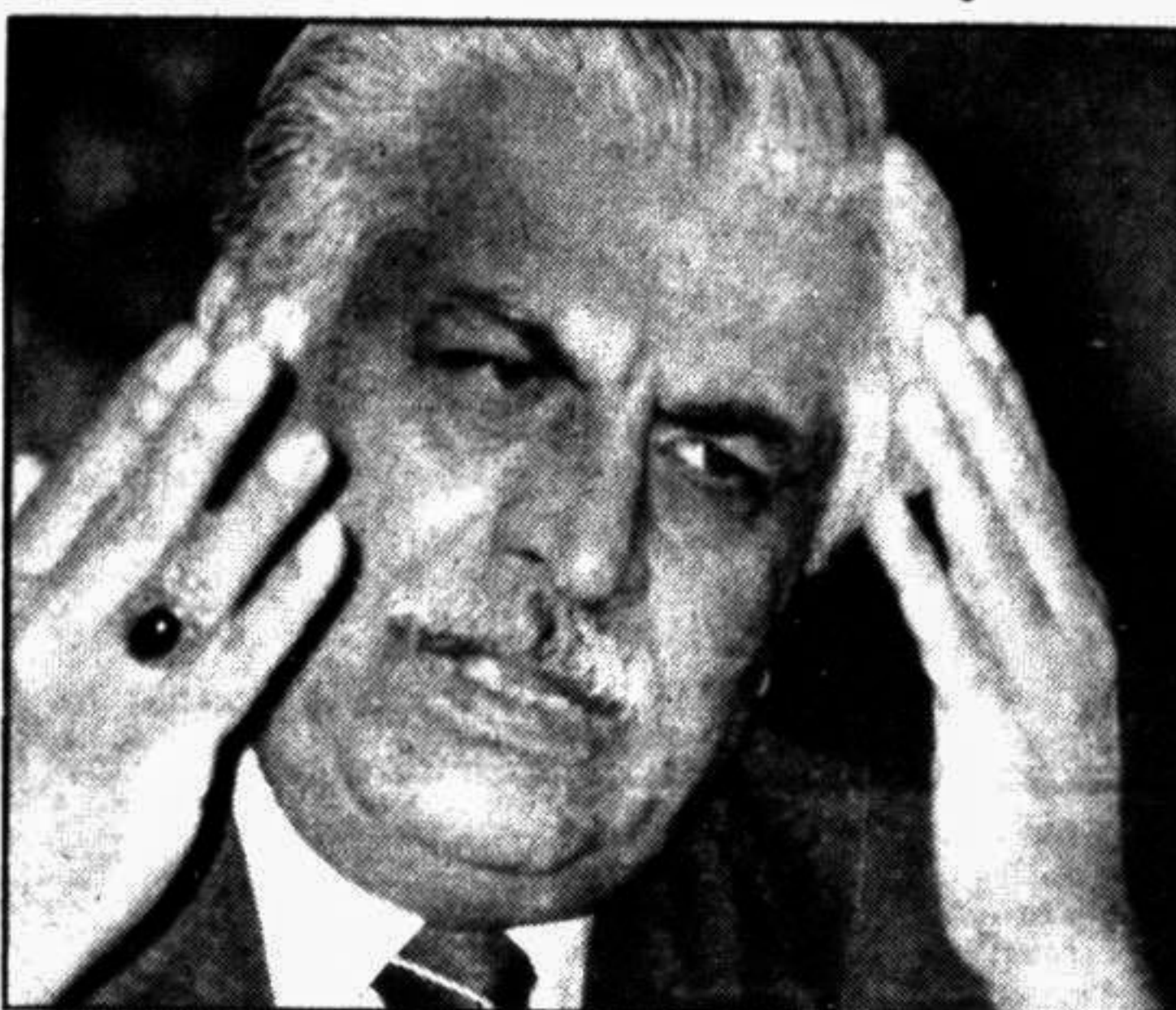


55 Palestinians arrested in Nablus

JERUSALEM, July 14: Israeli troops rounded up 55 Palestinians in occupied Nablus in a weekend search-and-arrest operation...

Federal govt given special power to combat terrorism
25 armed bandits storm Jatoi's home town, kidnap 5

KARACHI, July 14: At least 25 armed bandits raiding the southern Pakistani town of Moro, home of former caretaker Premier Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, looted houses and kidnapped five people for ransom...



Jatoi targeted?

law and order situation, observers said. The cabinet approval of the draft amendment came immediately after Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in his nationwide telecast address Friday evening pledged to deal with criminals with stern hands...

BRIEFLY

US-Soviet talks adjourned: US and Soviet negotiators late Saturday adjourned talks on a strategic nuclear arms treaty without reaching agreement...

US reviewing options on Iraq: The United States is reviewing options to force Iraq to reveal and destroy its nuclear weapons capability...

Iraq urges UN to stop US attack: Iraq urged the United Nations on Saturday to prevent full-scale military aggression against it by the United States...

Duvalier to be tried: Justice Minister Karl Auguste announced late Saturday that former President Jean-Claude Duvalier, who has been living in France since his 1986 overthrow...

Democrats have more party allegiance: Democrats hold just a narrow edge over Republicans in party allegiance in the United States, according to a poll published Sunday...

12 hurt in emergency landing of plane: Twelve people were hurt sliding down chutes to safety when an American Airlines DC-10 made an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport on Saturday...

Nepali civil servants to be grilled: The Nepalese government has directed ministries, departments, offices and heads of all units to take action against civil servants involved in indiscipline activities...

Killing day was celebrated by lighting crackers
LTTE claims responsibility for Rajiv's assassination

COLOMBO, July 14: The Liberation Tigers of the Tamil Eelam was reported to have claimed responsibility for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and celebrated his death by lighting crackers...

Official sources here confirmed that it was the LTTE that killed Rajiv Gandhi, a PFLT central committee member was reported to have informed the Indian authorities in a letter...

Ex-CIA Dy Chief was involved in secret arms supply to Iraq

WASHINGTON, July 14: Robert Gates, while Deputy Director at the Central Intelligence Agency, was involved in secret shipments of US arms to Iraq through Chile...

Chilean arms merchant Cardoen to set up the sales of weapons and technology through Chile. Shipments of arms to Chile, even for transshipment to another destination, were illegal until last December.

1 killed, 3 hurt in US jail riot

JOLIET (Illinois), July 14: An inmate was killed and three guards wounded when rioting broke out overnight at a maximum-security prison in Stateville, near here, local authorities said today...

Prison spokesman Brian Fairchild said inmates went on the rampage after a guard shot and killed a prisoner who had stabbed another guard while outside his cell. Prisoners seized control of a cell-block and set fire to it.

2 Pak drug barons jailed for 7 years

KARACHI, July 14: A Pakistani court has sentenced two drug barons to seven years in jail each for smuggling 17.5 tonnes of hashish from neighbouring Afghanistan...

Anwar Khattak and Mirza Iqbal Baig were convicted on Saturday by a special judge who also fined each of them five million rupees (200,000 dollars)...

5 Filipino robbers shot dead in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14: Malaysian police shot dead five Philippine robbers in Sabah state after a car chase on Saturday night...

Three revolvers and several rounds of ammunition were recovered from the five, aged between 22 and 29, Sabah senior police officer Kamaruddin Alias told reporters on Sunday.

12 hurt in emergency landing of plane

ZHENJIANG, China: A villager sits on a makeshift dyke surrounded by flood-water July 13. So far 1,270 people have lost their lives in what Chinese officials are calling the worst floods in the past 100 years.

The plane, with 212 people on board on a flight to Boston, turned back after the pilot was forced to shut down one engine and a warning light blinked on indicating the landing gear was overheating...

Off the Record

Ted Kennedy jr an alcoholic
NEW YORK: The Kennedy family's unrelenting summer of public scrutiny and private tragedy took another turn on Friday with an admission by Ted Kennedy Jr that he is fighting a battle against alcoholism...



MOSCOW: A group of elderly Soviet mothers lie down on the sidewalk near the Kremlin's Spassky gate in Moscow, July 13 to protest against the mysterious deaths of their sons during military service...

Solar eclipse delights Mexicans

MEXICO CITY: Mexicans heirs to a culture rooted in sun worship, on Friday recalled with delight what one newspaper called the "mother of all eclipses" reports Reuter.

Too much meat dangerous

WASHINGTON: Too much meat can be bad for your health, and too many cattle are hurting the environment, a new study says, reports AP.

Mujahideen factions oppose idea of coalition govt

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, July 14: Three Sunni Mujahideen factions oppose the idea of a coalition government in Kabul and want to pursue their jihad, a rebel source said today...